



## CHAIRMANS REPORT 2021-22

The British Ju Jitsu Association GB

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Dear The British Ju Jitsu Association members,

The previous twelve months was another excellent year for us. We hit some key milestones developing our team of executive members to be more capable of adapting to these changing times we are living in. We'd like you to join us in welcoming new Director Mia Bellusova to the team in the role of Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Independent Director. I'd like to thank her for her contributions so far. Some of my personal highlights from our activity this year include:

- Working with HM Armed Forces Organisation and especially Maj D Christie RLC | DCOS | 77th Brigade | Denison Barracks and **Lt Col S A Kelly RRF** | SO1 Plans&Prog | Joint Helicopter Command Headquarters which will expand our Ju Jitsu offering into new regions.
- One of our BJJAGB Member clubs completing the placing a defibrillator in every primary school within their local authority area. They raised thousands of pounds between their teams with various initiatives for this great cause.
- Increasing our membership after the lows of Covid by 67%.
- Our newly revamped Referees and Officials Course in March 2022, saw the introduction of our Assessors, the awarding of red ties to National Referees and blue ties to Trainee Referees with a clear pathway for all based upon experience and attendance. 80 Referees & Officials were qualified.
- At our National Championships in September we saw the results of that improved Referees Course in our recent Championships with a much more professional event.
- The BJJAGB also agreed to a new future format for the 2023 course in the form of an exam and a new video assessment. Mark Ian and Claire are to develop a training video showing actual fights in Continuous Fighting system. They would look at views from both the referee and judges views points. They would also place in some illegal moves. The candidates would then view the fights whilst holding clickers and show how many points they gave against the actual scores. The same with questions of how many illegal moves were spotted. The new format of exam would be a pass or fail result based upon a yet to be agreed percentage pass on the written exam. Feedback will be given to any fails and would advise what they need to practice or upcoming events to visit and take part in.
- This year we held seven Regional Coaching courses to upskill our 102 of our coaches.
- We held regular directors meetings, local and regional club competitions and from our latest group to join, Andy Roberts from British Army Brazilian Ju Jujitsu, put on a course for members.
- The Southend International championships and training course in May saw competitors from GB, USA, ITALY, BELGIUM, DENMARK attend.
- We also held several online meeting with Sport England

As always, we must extend our gratitude to NEST Management for their sponsorship and support in providing the new back drop for the championships rostrum.

Our success is also directly linked to the hard work of our team. We have made extraordinary progress this year, and I'd like to personally thank every team member for their energy, commitment and consistency in driving our business forward.

This year, our plans for include:

- Sending a BJJAGB team to the United Nations World Championships and Congress in Belgium later this month
- Full Executive training in Equality, Diversity & inclusion with Lyndon Roberts from Inclusion in Sport
- A new BJJAGB Website.
- Further investments into our technology.
- Sourcing a social media expert to support our marketing ambitions.
- Governance Training
- A new BJJAGB Constitution fit for the future
- Further Regional Coaching Courses, a National Referees & Officials Course

There are also some plans that are in their very early stages, but I look forward to sharing them with you all soon.

Thank you all for another excellent year. I look forward to continuing to break barriers over the next 12 months with you all.